



takbir fatima

I am an architect and director of the interdisciplinary experimental design and architecture studio, DesignAware, that was born of a desire to create awareness through accessible and responsible design. DesignAware focuses on process-oriented design, and our projects range from lighting to furniture, interior design to renovation, and residential, commercial and institutional architecture. I am passionate about design research, digital prototyping, teaching and figuring out how things are made. Apart from architecture, I have trained in tailoring, carpentry and digital fabrication. My aim is to work on socially relevant projects alongside mainstream architecture. One such project has been the design of a charity school for children of disadvantaged backgrounds in Hyderabad. I have created a series of design and 3D thinking workshops for students and professionals from all backgrounds, called the Fractals Workshop. This hands-on workshop combines design, structure, art and mathematics. Since 2012, the workshop has been to Hyderabad, Chennai, Roorkee, Surat, Dubai, Sharjah and Bahrain.

education

2015- 2016

The Startup Leadership Program, Hyderabad Chapter
Fellow

2009- 2011

The Architectural Association School of Architecture, London
Master of Architecture (MArch Architecture + Urbanism) Design Research Lab

2002- 2007

Church of South India Institute of Technology School of Architecture & Planning (CSIIT SAP), Secunderabad
Bachelor of Architecture (BArch)

work experience

Since December 2012

Director, DesignAware

October 2011- October 2012

Senior Architect, Nandu Associates, Hyderabad

February 2011- August 2011

Associate Architect, MADe, Hyderabad

June 2009- September 2009

Architect, Anwar Aziz & Associates, Hyderabad

June 2008- May 2009

Architect, MADe, Hyderabad

January 2007- April 2007

Intern, Jignesh Doshi Architects, Mumbai

March 2005- December 2006

Junior Architect (part-time), MADe (previously Studio Pencil Points), Hyderabad

July 2004- August 2004

Intern (part-time), Anwar Aziz & Associates, Hyderabad

teaching experience

Since February 2012

Director, **Fractals Workshop**

Workshops Conducted

_Virginia Commonwealth University Qatar, Doha
_Kingdom University, Bahrain
_Street Nights Art Festival, Dubai
_Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah
_Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
_Marg Institute of Design & Architecture Swarnabhoomi (MIDAS), Chennai
_GCPIA, Surat, during Annual NASA Convention 2016
_Aurora Design Institute, Hyderabad
_Hamstech Institute of Fashion & Interior Design, Hyderabad
_Woxsen School of Art & Design, Hyderabad
_ICAT, Chennai
_Chord India, Hyderabad, as part of the Access Micro-scholarship Program
_Hyderabad Literary Festival

April 2013- October 2013

Visiting Faculty, Interior Design, **Raffles Millennium Institute of Technology**, Hyderabad

February 2012- September 2014

Adjunct Faculty, Architectural Design, **Marg Institute of Design & Architecture Swarnabhoomi (MIDAS)**, Chennai

February 2008- April 2008

Teaching Assistant, **CSIT School of Architecture & Planning**, Secunderabad
Organizer, *March Forth* Design Festival
Restructuring of Basic Design Curriculum

invited talks | presentations

+TEDxBITSHyderabad, 2017
+India Design Summit 2017
+Arch 104 The Talk Series: Lateral Thinking in the Design Process, DSPA 2016
+Public Lecture at IIT Hyderabad 2015
+AA Visiting School Alumni Lecture Series 2015
+Womenpreneurs, Startup Saturday 2015

awards | recognitions | special mentions

Platinum Winner, Architecture: Public Building, **Berger Architecture Ideas 3.0**, FoAID 2017
Winner, **Emerging Architect of the Year Award** by Grohe NDTV Design & Architecture Awards 2016
Winner, **Telangana Young Architect Award** by Indian Institute of Architects (Telangana Chapter) 2016
Shortlisted, **Best Accessory Design of the Year** by Hafele Trends Excellence Awards 2016
Shortlisted, BuildArch: **Save As You Build** Competition by Ethos 2011
Shortlisted, Poster Presentation on **Gender and Urbanism**, IFLA Convention 2011, University of Zurich
Special Mention, **Landscape Journal** Essay Competition 2010

community work | non-profit projects

_Proposal for **AutoMatter**, a computation-based, recyclable, easily-deployable, economical dry-construction housing system for the seasonal flood-prone areas in Phnom-Penh, Cambodia
_Open-source drawings and small-space plans made available for low-budget projects through the firm website, **DesignAware.org**
_Design and Construction Management of **Hilltop School**, a charity school for children of underprivileged sections within the walls of the Golconda Fort, with due respect to surrounding urban/topographical context and heritage zone regulations, as well as within a tight budget
_**#MakeProgressPossible** social media campaign to collect funds, books, stationery, etc for the charity school
_**Fractals Workshop** at Chord India for students of disadvantaged backgrounds under the Access Microscholarship Program by the Government of USA
_Social media campaign and Graphic Design for educating the girl child under the Government of India initiative **#BetiPadhao**, in collaboration with the Startup Leadership Program

referees

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